to anything they would ask him And then being admonished
he should not be so rash m so serious a matter as concerned his
soul so nearly, * Faith,[5] said he, * I had rather trust God with
my soul than you with my goods *

loth June THE EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND

It is very secretly rumoured that my Lord of Northumber-
land hath sent to the Scottish King a gentleman of his house,
Mr Thomas Percy, who is now returned This man is beloved
of none and trusted by no one nobleman or gentleman of quality
within the land beside his own faction , and is moreover very
injudicious in his speech

une THE MARSHAL BIRON ARRESTED

From France comes news that the Marshal Biron is a prisoner
He came to Font ainbleau slenderly accompanied and not with his
ordinary train The King received him with great appearance
of love and kindness and entertained him with discourse the
greatest part of that day Next day the King gave order to the
colonel of the light horse to draw his companies to the town and
to keep them all night in arms and ready saddled In the
evening the guards were doubled and the gentlemen of the
chamber commanded not to stray abroad About II of the
clock at night the King did send for the Marshal, who came and
found him set upon his privy stool After some speech held
with him, being dismissed, as soon as he was out of the King's
chamber, M de Vitry, one of the captains of the Guards,
seized him prisoner, saying that he was sorry but it was the
King's commandment, and so willed him to surrender his
weapon The Marshal made some small resistance asking if he
should render his weapon who had five and thirty wounds in

his body, all received for the service of the King The Count of Auvergne was likewise seized upon, together with the Lieutenant of the Marshal's company and his secretary,

This proceeding is termed a *coup d'estat,* and as it is presumed will strongly establish the sovereign authority

i$tbjvne *A* JESUIT BOOK AGAINST THE PRIESTS

Parsons the Jesuit hath put forth another book against the secular priests entitled *A manifestation of the great folly and bad*